

January-March 2012

All the latest funding news

## The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund



The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established to support projects in the area of learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations within the UK and the Republic of Ireland working in this field. The Trust considers under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, it considers projects concerning children or adults. Application for funding is normally considered for capital and revenue costs and for both specific projects and for general running/core costs. The Trust offers grants from £250 upwards. The next deadline for applications is 1 March 2012 for research applications and 1 May 2012 for general grant applications. For more information, visit [www.bailythomas.org.uk/](http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/)



The Allen Lane Foundation is interested in funding work which benefits people in the following groups, or generalist work which includes significant numbers from more than one such group: Asylum-seekers and refugees, Gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people, Gypsies and Travellers, Migrant workers, Offenders and ex-offenders, Older people, People experiencing mental health problems, People experiencing violence or abuse. The Foundation supports projects that will make a lasting difference to people's lives rather than simply alleviating the

symptoms or current problems; projects that are aimed at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination, and projects that encourages or enables unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community. Whilst Allen Lane recognise (and are willing to support) on-going, tried and tested projects, the Foundation is particularly interested in unusual, imaginative or pioneering projects which have perhaps not yet caught the public imagination. Single, one-off grants range from as little as £500 up to £15,000. Tel: 01904 613223 or Email: [info@allenlane.org.uk](mailto:info@allenlane.org.uk) Website: [www.allenlane.org.uk](http://www.allenlane.org.uk)



The LankellyChase Foundation has released a statement announcing changes to its funding priorities. 'From April 2012, the LankellyChase Foundation will focus exclusively on improving the quality of life of people who face severe and multiple disadvantages. The Foundation says it will develop Special Initiatives to try and get to the root of disadvantage, to "tackle systemic failure and promote solutions that are both preventative and transformational". The first Special Initiative is likely to focus on ways of addressing severe and multiple disadvantages before people are drawn into offending. Further details are expected to be announced in summer 2012. In summer 2012, the Foundation aims to launch an Open Grants Scheme, which will be open to organisations that are working to build the capabilities of people who face severe, and multiple disadvantages. The Foundation says the change in its programmes is in response to recognising that many organisations working with people who face severe and multiple disadvantages do not fit neatly into categories and require flexible funding in order to operate. The Custody and Community Programme closed to new applications on 30 November 2011.

The following programmes will **remain open** to applications until 30 March 2012:

- The Arts
- Free and Quiet Minds
- Breaking Cycles of Abuse
- Local People Local Places.

The Foundation says it will continue to work with its partners on diverting women from the criminal justice system through the Corston Independent Funders' Coalition. Applications for continuation funding from certain current grantees in the field of immigration detention may be accepted after the 30 November 2011. If you are receiving funding for this field from the Foundation then you can contact the Programme Director for more information. You can read the full announcement on the changes to the LankellyChase Foundation on the LankellyChase Foundation website. Deadlines: Custody and Community Programme: 30 November 2011 The Arts: 30 March 2012 Free and Quiet Minds: 30 March 2012 Breaking Cycles of Abuse: 30 March 2012 Local People Local Places: 30 March 2012. Contact: LankellyChase Foundation Telephone: 01235 820 044 Email: [enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk) Website: [www.lankellychase.org.uk/news/26](http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/news/26)



The Church and Community Fund (CCF) are launching a new set of funding priorities, which will replace the current funding guidelines.

Applications under the new priorities will be accepted from 3 January 2012, with the new guidance notes available from the CCF website in mid-December 2011. The Fund's new overarching aim is to grow the Church of England and develop its capacity to engage a wider community. The new strategic themes include the following:

- Significantly expanding the Church's engagement with neighbourhood renewal.
- Seeking innovative ways of developing established community projects so that they either grow existing, or evolve into, new communities of Christian Faith.

Replicating models of successful community engagement across the wider church.  
website: [www.ccfund.org.uk/](http://www.ccfund.org.uk/)

## THE GIBBONS FAMILY TRUST

is concerned with the care, benefit, support, education or otherwise for the welfare of children or young people (up to the age of 25), in Devon.

Both Trusts can help individuals through applications from registered charities or community organisation. There is a website with an application form that can be downloaded. However applications will still only be considered by post. Applications should be made in writing to : FTAO Mr R Dawe (Chair), 14 Fore Street, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6NG  
Tele: 01395 445259 Email:  
[www.gibbonstrusts.org](http://www.gibbonstrusts.org)



The Anchor Foundation supports Christian charities concerned with social inclusion particularly through ministries of healing and the arts. They will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding and will consider applications for projects abroad. In any one year the grant range to a project is between £500 and £10,000. It is normal practice not to give grants to the same project for more than three years. Applications are considered at twice yearly trustees meetings in April and November. If submitting electronically please send the completed form to: [secretary@theanchorfoundation.org.uk](mailto:secretary@theanchorfoundation.org.uk)  
Alternatively please post applications to: The Anchor Foundation, P.O. Box 21107, Alloa, FK12 5WA  
Website: [www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk](http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk)

## nominet trust

The **Nominet Trust** has launched a **£250k Challenge** to support projects which focus on older people aged 65+ and the internet. Its priorities are:

- Using the internet to address specific social problems facing older people
- Designing new and better ways for older people to access and use the internet
- Developing and using technologies familiar to older people that may have internet functionality such as projects that use IPTV or internet radio.

Applications from £1,000 -£250,000 will be considered.

Your project must meet the Nominet Trust's general funding criteria and respond to the recommendations in 'The internet and an ageing population' State of Art review (see the Nominet Trust website for more information on these).

Deadline: 1 February 2012 for first stage applications

Contact: Nominet Trust

Telephone: 01865 334 000

Email: [enquiries@nominettrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nominettrust.org.uk)

Website: [www.nominettrust.org.uk/nominet-trust-£250k-challenge](http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/nominet-trust-£250k-challenge)

## Paul Hamlyn Foundation

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation is one of the larger independent grant- making foundations in the UK. They make grants to organisations which aim to maximise opportunities for individuals to experience a full quality of life, both now and in the future. In particular they are concerned with children and young people, and others who are disadvantaged. They prefer to support work which others may find hard to fund, perhaps because it breaks new ground. and also take initiatives where new thinking is required or

where we believe there are important unexplored opportunities. The Paul Hamlyn Foundation's Arts Programme aims to support the development of new ideas to increase people's enjoyment, appreciation and involvement in the arts in the UK.

### Funding Details

There is no minimum or maximum grant size for either of these funding schemes, so applicants should request the amount they need. Grants should enable innovation at the following three levels:

- To have a positive impact on

individuals and society

- To challenge the organisation itself to reflect on and possibly change the way it operates
- To influence policy and practice beyond the scope of the organisation applying for support.

Further information, including details on how to apply, can be found on the Foundation's website

[www.phf.org.uk/page.asp?id=1021](http://www.phf.org.uk/page.asp?id=1021). Applicants can contact the Foundation using an online form [www.phf.org.uk/feedback.asp?id=31](http://www.phf.org.uk/feedback.asp?id=31).

**This has a 31/1/12 deadline**

## COMMUNITIES LIVING

### SUSTAINABLY

from the **Big Lottery Fund (BIG)** has launched. Partnerships (which must be led by a registered charity and which bring together the public, private, voluntary, and community sectors) will be funded to look at the potential impact of **climate change**. Up to £10 million is available. Projects can apply for up to £10,000 to develop a project delivery plan. Grants of £500,000 - £1million are available for up to five years for a range of activities and initiatives within a local community. This is mainly a revenue programme and it will only fund up to £60,000 in capital costs. BIG will fund up to 30 projects at

development stage and up to 10 projects at full application stage.

The grants will support projects that bring together all of the partners to create and implement a plan to help their community live and work more sustainably. The plans must include inter-related actions covering both mitigation activities, activities focussed on changing behaviours, and adaptation activities, activities that allow communities and individuals to cope better with the impact of climate change. The fund is particularly interested in supporting the most vulnerable groups and communities who are more likely to be affected by climate change.

There is an eligibility checker under the 'Apply' section on the BIG website, it is recommended that you make sure you are eligible before you apply. If you are eligible to apply, you can complete an Expression of Interest form, which is available to download on the BIG website once you have successfully completed the Expression of Interest form.

Deadline: 31 January 2012,  
Contact: BIG, Telephone: 0845 4102 030

Email:

[general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Website:

[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_communities\\_living\\_sustainably.htm?regioncode=-uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_communities_living_sustainably.htm?regioncode=-uk)

## THE EQUITABLE CHARITABLE TRUST

Charitable working towards educating young people, especially young people with disabilities and/or from disadvantaged backgrounds can apply for funding of up to £30,000 through the Equitable Charitable Trust. The Trustees award approximately £1 million a year and seeks to identify and support good projects that address needs not adequately met at present, including those with potential to be introduced to large numbers of schools. Grants made by the Trust fall into three broad categories. Education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK; Education projects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK, particularly those that support delivery of the National Curriculum or vocational learning opportunities; and Education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or

disabled children and young people in developing countries.

The length of funding can range from one to three years. Previously supported projects include supplementary Maths, English and Science classes for disadvantaged 5-18 year olds; education projects to reduce teenage pregnancies; capital grants for the renovation and refurbishment of facilities for children with complex needs and disabilities; and music education projects for children and young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

For example, "Art room" received £5,000 towards ear one of a three year project to pay for salary costs of an education project at a school in a deprived area of Oxford; and "Math"a"Magic" tour received £17,745 to tour schools in disadvantaged areas of Northern Ireland. Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered on a rolling basis by the Trustees.

[www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/Grants/GuidelinesforApplicants/tabid/317/language/en-GB/Default.aspx](http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/Grants/GuidelinesforApplicants/tabid/317/language/en-GB/Default.aspx)

**JRT** The Jack Riley Trust supports young people in Devon aged 25 and under. The Trust can support individuals, learning institutions (schools and colleges) and new or existing youth or activity groups. Its focus is on mentoring and the personal development of young people by young people. The Trust was set up by the late Jack Riley who asked his trustees to give priority to studies or activities which focus on personal, social and moral education and improve personal relationships and development of character. There must also be a real need of financial support and the Trust will not fully fund any request. There is no application form or set procedure for making an application. Any person, group or institution who wish to make an application should initially contact the Administrator Tim Leat (by e mail [timothyheat@gilbertstephens.co.uk](mailto:timothyheat@gilbertstephens.co.uk) or phone 01404 8122282) who will then advise of Trustees requirements.

## The Percy Bilton Charity

Percy Bilton Charity provides grants to registered charities who are focusing their activities at the following target groups:

- Disadvantaged/underprivileged young people - Aged under 25
- People with disabilities
- People over the age of 60

There are two main types of funding: Large grants (One off payments for capital expenditure of £2,000 and over) and Small grants (Providing funding of up to £500 towards furnishings and equipment for small projects). Favours bids from small charities.

There is no set deadline and bids can be submitted at anytime but Board meetings are held quarterly in March, June, September and December to consider large grants.

[www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk](http://www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk)

## The Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts

Not for profit organisations and organisation with a charitable purpose can apply for funding through the Mark Leonard Trust. The Mark Leonard Trust is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts and focuses on environmental education in the UK. In particular the Trust seeks to support projects that focus on:

- finding practical ways of involving children and young adults;

- sustainable agriculture and bio-diversity;
- sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy; and
- youth work that supports the rehabilitation of young people involved in anti-social or criminal activities.

Applications to the Trust can be submitted at any time. Website: [www.sfct.org.uk/mark\\_leonard.html](http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark_leonard.html)

## The True Colours Trust

Trustees of the Trust are committed to supporting a large number of excellent local organisations and projects that support disabled children and their families on a daily basis. The Trust has a small grants programme, open to application at any time, which provides grants of up to £10,000, usually for one-off purposes, to help smaller

organisations develop and deliver programmes for children, their siblings and families.

The Trustees are particularly keen to support:

- Hydrotherapy pools;
- Multi sensory rooms;
- Mini buses;
- Young carers projects;
- Sibling projects; and

- Bereavement support.

Applications are via an on-line application form accessible through the website:

[www.truecolourstrust.org.uk](http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk)  
The True Colours Trust, Allington House (1st Floor), 150 Victoria Street, SW1E 5AE  
Tel: 0207 410 0330  
Fax: 0207 410 0332

## AFTAID

Aid for the Aged in Distress

Charities and community groups who work with the elderly can apply to AFTAID to help individual older persons that are financially stretched beyond their means to the point of genuine distress. AFTAID consider applications for a wide variety of grant requests, there are many reasons why an

older person may find themselves financially. AFTAID prides itself on its ability to provide grant aid swiftly where necessary. AFTAID do have a strict but simple criteria to safeguard against incorrect claims and to ensure donations are used wisely. To be able to make any grant AFTAID need to have as much information as possible from charities or community groups, and ideally written supporting information from Social Workers, Doctors or similar professionals .

Details of the application process and criteria can be found on the website: [www.aftaid.org.uk/grantapps/requestform.html](http://www.aftaid.org.uk/grantapps/requestform.html)

Some of this information has been drawn from SANDY ADIRONDACK'S website [www.sandy-a.co.uk](http://www.sandy-a.co.uk)

## A free hand?



Richard King

**TOZERS**

A report just issued by the Legal Services Consumer Panel says that "half of small charities have limited or no understanding of laws applying to them". This is the first key point that came from what is apparently the first detailed research into the legal needs and experience of small charities.

Naturally, the report finds that charities rely a lot on the Charity Commission and umbrella bodies for free advice and support. But, as the Commission has recently made quite clear, its resources are now very stretched and it sees its role as 'to protect the public's interest in the integrity of charity', rather than holding charities' hands. Indeed one senior official there told a gathering of specialist charity lawyers that trustees and others should look at the Commission's website for guidance on any issue that worried them – as its own officers do!

In short, you must stand on your own feet: consider the guidance, decide what is right for your charity - and minute the decision! But don't expect reassurance from the Commission that your decision was right. As a rule, if you have genuinely done what you thought was best according to your understanding of your constitution, you will not be criticised by the Commission for how you exercised your discretion.

This view has recently been reinforced in the charity tribunal case about independent schools. This decided that, while every charity has to operate for the public benefit, it is for the trustees to decide how. [The Charity Commission has since been forced to withdraw part of its guidance on public benefit, including the whole of 'public benefit and fee-charging' - a problem for charities, who are legally obliged to 'have regard to' the Commission's guidance and to state in their Annual Report whether or not they have complied with that duty.]

But charities do need help to navigate the labyrinth of rules that affects them. The report says that, for many small charities, the problem is too much advice ('they are drowning in information'). If you can't find the right answer yourself, find a good specialist lawyer and agree a fixed fee. You may be pleasantly surprised: the last finding in the report was that '96% of small charities find legal advice from solicitors useful whilst 84% are satisfied with the service they receive'. That's a high success rate!

For further information see: [www.tozers.co.uk](http://www.tozers.co.uk) solicitors for business/charities

## Treasurers Guide

The single parent charity Gingerbread has developed a user friendly online resource for their branch treasurers. Of course the guidance is relevant to most groups and can be accessed on:

<http://tinyurl.com/treaurer-g>

The guide works by using the menu on the left of the website.

**Gingerbread**  
Single parents, equal families



## Localism Act 2011 Receives Royal Assent & Plain English Guide

The Localism Act 2011 received Royal Assent 15 November 2011. You can download the full Act or the plain English guide on the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/local-act>



## Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO) Delayed Further

A question in Parliament earlier this week has forced the minister for civil society, Nick Hurd, to admit that the legislation required to implement the new structure for charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs), has not yet been finalised.

“This is taking longer than expected, as there have been some complex issues to resolve on the insolvency and dissolution regime for CIOs”, he said. He went on to say that, subject to parliamentary approval, CIOs should be available in early 2012.

Richard King, head of Tozers’ Charities team, says “In reality it is likely to be Spring/Summer next year before things get off the ground. The Charity Commission says it is up and ready, but to ease the pressure on them we expect a staged process, with new charities being incorporated first and conversions for existing charities taking place later on”.

## Disability Discrimination Act

In a landmark case, the Court of Appeal has ruled that a volunteer with the Citizens’ Advice Bureau (CAB) was not covered by the employment provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA).

### Background to the case

The claimant volunteered for four to five hours per week with the CAB and was given a volunteer agreement. This was described as “*binding in honour only... and not a contract of employment or legally binding.*”

As part of her voluntary role, she undertook a wide range of advice work. However, on many days that she was expected she did not turn up.

No objection to this was ever raised but, eventually, she was asked to stop attending as a volunteer. As a result of this she claimed she had been discriminated against under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 by reason of her disability. She also complained that the DDA 1995 had failed to properly implement the EC Framework Directive which governs EU disability law.

### The outcome of the case

The court found that to have fallen within the DDA, the claimant had to fit one of the following criteria:

- have an employment contract;
- have a contract personally to do work for the CAB; or
- be a disabled person affected by the employer’s arrangements for determining to whom it should offer employment.

The Court of Appeal found that the claimant did not have a legally binding contract of any description with the CAB. There was no requirement for the claimant to provide her services to the CAB and, as a result, when she frequently did not, no objection was raised. Neither was there an obligation on the CAB to do anything in return for her service.

As a result of these findings, it was decided that the claimant in this case was not protected under the DDA, or any other discrimination laws.



## The Safe Network - safeguarding children and young people

Run as a partnership between NSPCC, Children England and Child Accident Prevention Trust, the Safe Network provides a website containing free practical safeguarding information and advice for voluntary and community groups, as well as running training events, an enquiry service, and community-based support through regional development managers, champions and other VCS partners. Visit the website at:

**[www.safenetwork.org.uk](http://www.safenetwork.org.uk)**

## **New Strategy from the Charity Commission**

The Commission has, over recent months, been developing a new strategy that sets out the key goals and priorities for the next four years.

### **Compliance and accountability**

Improving the way risk in charities is assessed and managed; a continuing focus on producing excellent guidance that helps trustees manage those risks; taking decisive action when serious malpractice is discovered charities.

Placing renewed emphasis on ensuring the online Register provides the right information about charities.

Getting tougher on charities that fail to file their annual documents and accounts within the 10-month deadline.

### **Self-sufficiency**

Helping trustees become more self-sufficient and independent – with greater confidence in their ability to make the right judgements and decisions on behalf of their charities.

Producing the best guidance possible, that is tailored where necessary to different groups of charities and which is principle-based, allowing trustees to apply it to their own charities' situation.

Working with charity umbrella bodies to help them take over more responsibility for providing one-to-one advice to individual charities.

### **Using technology**

Continuing to emphasise commission's on-line services - from this year onwards, all charities are being asked to file their annual documents online.

Making the website easier to use for charities and members of the public.

Developing the way new tools, such as social media, are used to explain to trustees and to the public what charities are and how they should be run.

Trying to develop innovative ways of keeping trustees informed about their duties.

### **Improving efficiency**

Reducing the time it takes us to answer charities' emails or register new charities.

For further information go to [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk)

## **Other news from the Sector:**

### **Localism Act**

The Localism Act has now received royal assent. It gives additional rights and powers to communities including making it easier for people to take over local assets like shops and pubs (through the

community right to bid) and giving local groups the right to express an interest in taking over the running of a local/district authority service (the community right to challenge)

A briefing note has been produced by NCVO and can be found at <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/news/legislation/localism-act-receives-royal-assent>

## Review of the Charities Act 2006

It was announced last week that Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbots will lead a full review of the law relating to charities in England and Wales. Lord Hodgson will report to Parliament by summer 2012. For more information see - <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/news/review-charity-law> and for the Terms of Reference of the Review see - <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/review-charities-act-2006-%E2%80%93-terms-reference>

## Vat Exemption for Charities that share services

In his autumn statement, the Chancellor announced an exemption that allows charities to share services without paying VAT will come into effect from February 2012. For more comments on the impact of the autumn statement on the Third Sector, you can read the Charities Aid Foundation statement at <https://www.cafonline.org/media-office/press-releases/2011/nov-2011/response-to-autumn-statement.aspx>

## New Charity Guide to Social Investment

New Philanthropy Capital has launched a new guide to social investment for charities entitled "Best to Borrow". It highlights both the risks and opportunities of new forms of social finance and investment and is an excellent plain english guide. You can read the full report at [http://www.philanthropycapital.org/publications/improving\\_the\\_sector/Social%20investment/guide\\_to\\_social\\_investment.aspx](http://www.philanthropycapital.org/publications/improving_the_sector/Social%20investment/guide_to_social_investment.aspx)

## EHRC Home Care Providers

Providers engaged in supporting people to live in their own homes will be interested in a recent EHRC inquiry which reveals disturbing evidence that the poor treatment of many older people receiving home care is breaching their human rights and too many are struggling to voice their concerns about their care or be listened to about what kind of support they want. The final report of the Commission's inquiry, '**Close to home: older people and human rights in home care**', says hundreds of thousands of older people lack protection under the Human Rights Act and calls for this legal loophole to be closed. The report questions a number of commissioning practices that give more weight to cost than to an acceptable quality of care. The full report can be found at <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/inquiries-and-assessments/inquiry-into-home-care-of-older-people/>

## Getting your costs right – a case study

The VCS commissioning project has recently completed a case study of how a small organisation can get the costs right when bidding for a tender. The study can help you identify direct and indirect costs, work out depreciation and staffing costs and how to price your service. The case study can be found at <http://www.devonconsortium.net/index.php?page=case-studies>

# Talking Health

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strengthening local voluntary and community action in Devon



## What is happening to GP Commissioning?

The Government's ambition is for the NHS to deliver health outcomes that are among the best in the world. This ambition is rooted in the three principles of *giving patients more information and choice, focusing on healthcare outcomes and quality standards, and empowering frontline professionals with a strong leadership role*. At the heart of these proposals is the development of **Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)**, supported by the NHS Commissioning Board (NHSCB).

CCGs – primarily GP representatives and clinicians - will be responsible for commissioning the majority of local health services, but they will have statutory obligations for obtaining advice from other health and care professionals and involving patients and the public in doing this. Working closely with their local authorities and partner organisations through Health and Wellbeing Boards they will undertake a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and determine their commissioning plans.

## Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) Development

The Devon Primary Care Trust (PCT) cluster (which now comprises of NHS Devon, Plymouth & Torbay), existing CCG leads and Devon Local Medical Committee have spent the last month considering the various options for what CCGs will look like in Devon. There are still a number of uncertainties across the Country, however voting papers and briefing documents have been sent to individual practices to make a decision about the preferred option the practice wishes to vote for; the results are expected by the end of the year. When the CCG 'footprint' – its size and the area/s it will cover - has been decided, local structures will be reviewed to ensure there is an operational 'fit' with the larger, overarching structure and these are likely to be defined by the New Year. After this, a further local election for the local commissioning group will take place.

Despite the changes taking place, local decisions will continue to be made by local clinicians which will determine the services provided for their populations.

## Health Funding 2012/13

There is currently no formal commissioning timetable applicable to voluntary sector provision for the NHS in Devon, but there are some key messages and interests that the local commissioners wish to share and which would be considered as part of the development of a local health strategy. They include

:

- Supporting provision that maintains an individual's health and wellbeing and therefore contributes to the avoidance of episodes of urgent or unplanned care.
- Exploring/piloting and testing services and activities on a small scale which have the potential to develop effectively and consistently across Northern Devon.
- Services or activities that align well to statutory provision and support individuals with lower level needs that are not currently being met – i.e. prevention.
- Services that offer value for money and flexible solutions – though commissioners are increasingly aware that value for money from the VCS does not mean free of charge!
- Working with a smaller number of providers, but avoiding replication or duplication of what works well already.
- Move towards commissioned services – i.e. through contracts and service specifications – rather than grants.

- Things that can be evaluated and can clearly demonstrate a positive impact on a patient's health and well being.

### **Devon Health and Wellbeing Board Development**

Final Arrangements for the Devon Health and Wellbeing Board are awaiting the outcome of a series of national learning sets which will produce guidelines for local Health and Wellbeing Boards. Devon plans that a shadow Health and Wellbeing Board for Devon will be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. The importance of strong voluntary and community sector links is acknowledged along with the need for engagement with a range of other organisations who have a part to play in the health and social care agenda such as Police and Fire. There will be an opportunity for these organisations and the sector to contribute towards the developmental phase in the Spring.

### **Devon Prevention Strategy 'Promoting Health & Wellbeing' 2011-2013**

The prevention strategy is a very detailed document setting out the commissioning intentions of Devon County Council and NHS Devon around prevention. It aims to help people maintain their independence and wellbeing and through early intervention, avoid unnecessary admission to hospital or longer term care. The strategy identifies a number of key ways to achieve this:

- Promoting volunteering
- Reducing falls and preventing fractures
- Promoting assistive technology
- Developing reablement services
- Implementing self care
- Delivering intermediate care
- Investing in extra housing

The strategy also emphasises the need to evaluate the success of intervention to inform future financial planning and to promote joint working across the system to make most efficient use of preventative services. There are a number of key stages where the strategy suggests that intervention might take place and which are relevant to services provided by the VCS

- Universal (primary) intervention e.g. stopping smoking or lifestyle information
- Targeted prevention e.g. self care, support for people to remain living at home
- Focused prevention e.g. falls prevention
- Work to reduce vulnerability e.g. volunteering, activities that promote social engagement
- Work to promote independence e.g. reablement services
- Work to reduce high dependency e.g. intermediate care.

The strategy has a number of recommendations for how the strategy might be delivered in practice – and many of these areas are still being developed. There are a number of supporting strategies (e.g. around falls prevention, self care etc) which will set out in more detail how the broad outcomes are to be achieved.

Although the consultation on the broad strategy has finished, there is still an opportunity for the VCS to influence what services are commissioned under the prevention strategy

Your local CVS will be running voluntary sector forums in your area where health issues will be discussed. Contact your local CVS to find out when these are scheduled or to let us have your views on this or any other of the information in this section.

# TRAINING

## extra

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January — March 2012

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### DACVS 'Essentials' Learning Programme

#### Writing Effective Minutes

Good minute taking will consolidate both formal and informal meetings. Learn how to record accurate notes in a clear and easy format.

Exeter 19/01/2012 — Teignbridge 08/03/2012

#### Introduction to Outcomes

Many funders now require an outcomes framework to evidence change. Understand what outcomes are, and begin to develop an outcomes approach to your work.

North Devon 26/01/2012 — West Devon 23/02/12

West Devon 23/02/12

#### Preparing Presentations for Public Speaking

Nerves won't get in the way if you're properly prepared: The who, what, why, when and how of developing and delivering a great presentation.

Exeter 06/03/2012 — Mid Devon 31/01/12

Torrige 09/02/12

#### Becoming a Charity Trustee

An introduction to this essential citizen governor role, what's involved and how to find the right role for you.

Exeter 31/01/2012 — West Devon 07/12/11

Mid Devon 21/02/12

#### Effective Monitoring and Evaluation

Understand the difference between monitoring and evaluating, the methods to use in monitoring and how to disseminate evaluation results effectively.

West Devon 13/03/12 — South Hams 07/02/12 — North

Devon 21/02/12

#### Volunteer Management and Support

A good voluntary organisation values its volunteers by providing effective management and supervision, personal development and legal protection.

West Devon 22/02/12 — East Devon 07/03/12

Mid Devon 18/01/12 — Torrige 22/03/12

#### Chairing Meetings Effectively

Techniques to ensure meetings run to time and everyone has their say.

Exeter 19/01/2012 — Teignbridge 20/03/2012

#### Finance and Budget Management

Essential learning for charity governors: What you need to know to ensure the books balance and nothing is wasted.

Exeter 26/01/2012 — West Devon 17/01/12

Mid Devon 01/02/12

#### Understanding Community Leadership

This introductory session offers an opportunity to consider the essentials needed to create positive change in your community.

Teignbridge 26/01/2012 — Torrige 25/01/12

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West Devon 13/03/12 — South Hams 07/02/12

North Devon 21/02/12

#### Engaging with Parliament

An overview of the various ways you can influence what issues are raised and voted on in Parliament.

Exeter 06/10/2011 — Teignbridge 07/02/2012



For further information on the DACVS 'Essentials' Learning Programme, please see website:

[www.exetercvs.org/learning/learning/dacvs-essentials-range](http://www.exetercvs.org/learning/learning/dacvs-essentials-range) or contact your local CVS.

Cost: Half day workshops £25 (CVS members) £50 (non-members)

Concessions may be available from your local CVS.

### **Tendering for Arts Organisations**

This is a one day workshop for Voluntary and Community Sector arts organisations. You will learn how to write a strong tender that gets noticed, and understand better what commissioners are seeking. You will also explore what your organisation must do to ensure it is 'fit for purpose'. The day will be highly interactive and will bring in examples of how arts organisations have successfully won contracts.

At the Courtney Suite, Exeter City Football Club on 8 February  
10.00am - 3.30pm



The training is being subsidised by the Devon Consortium VCS Commissioning Project. There is a £20 charge per delegate to cover catering and administration (lunch is provided).

Contact, Email: [info@devonconsortium.net](mailto:info@devonconsortium.net) Tel 01392 202055

### **Devon Welfare Rights Unit Training Courses**

Devon Welfare Rights Unit (DWRU) provides a programme of training courses on benefits and tax credits.

#### Benefits Signposting (General Overview) (BS)

Identify entitlement to benefits and tax credits and make referrals. This course covers the:

- structure of present British system
- use of the A B C Guide as a tool for identifying entitlement
- basic qualifying conditions
- effect of disability-related benefits on income-related benefits and tax credits
- principles of means-testing

Totnes – 11 January, Exeter – 7 February, Barnstaple – 29 March

For further information contact: Llinos Davies, Training Administrator Tel: 01392 223827

Email: [Llinos.davies@citizensadvice.org.uk](mailto:Llinos.davies@citizensadvice.org.uk)

Details of the full programme are available on their website: [www.dwru.org](http://www.dwru.org)

### **Trading for Sustainability**

Sign up for the Dartington School for Social Entrepreneurs Trading for Sustainability short course and reshape your business. This course is designed for anyone who may face the loss of public funding, who is moving away from grant dependency and for all who face increased competition for resources. Open to all third sector organisations

3 month course starts on January 12 (10 contact days in 3 months)  
(Final spaces are limited - funding is available)



Contact: [sam.haydock@dartington.org](mailto:sam.haydock@dartington.org) for an information pack or call on 01803 847066 for more details. Websites; [www.dartington.org/sse](http://www.dartington.org/sse) and [www.sse.org.uk/devon](http://www.sse.org.uk/devon)

Are you receiving our fortnightly Training E-Bulletin, available free to South Ham CVS members?

For more information contact Graham Macey at South Hams CVS.

Tel: 01803 862266 Email: [graham@southhamscvs.org.uk](mailto:graham@southhamscvs.org.uk)

## Become a trustee of South Hams CVS!

We are looking for new trustees for our Board. The board meets bi monthly and oversees the running development of the CVS. If you would like more details please contact us on 01803 862266

## South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership

Councils work with the Police and other partners as part of the South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership to make South Hams, Teignbridge and West Devon even safer places to be. Their aim is to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour whilst building confidence in our communities. If you would like to read the newsletter please use the web address <http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=31967&p=0> Or phone us to have a copy sent

## Trustee Week event



Trustee week is an annual event held throughout the country during the first week of November. This year we celebrated the valuable work Trustees do with a very well attended and informative evening held at the Royal Seven Stars Hotel in Totnes. Over 15 organisations were represented and many members of the public dropped in to find out more about the role of a trustee. If your organisation would like to find out more or help plan an event for 2012 please contact us for more details.

## Devon Arts Match

Arts organisations from across Devon are being invited to join Devon Arts Match in January 2012. They are particularly welcoming applications from organizations working with children & young people, people with learning disabilities, sensory and/or physical disabilities and older people. This scheme aims to stimulate an increase in regular giving by members of the public to arts organisations, by matching pledges you receive from members of the public to an agreed level. Full details of the scheme and an application form are available for download at [www.devon.gov.uk/arts-culture.htm](http://www.devon.gov.uk/arts-culture.htm) or phone the Arts Officer on 01392 384315

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# Voluntary Vine

January—March 2012



The newsletter of South Hams Community and Voluntary Services

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we look forward to a fresh new year filled with anticipation and enthusiasm we are at hand to offer a wide range of services to your organisations. Whether you require funding information, advice or use of our reference library and equipment please feel free to drop in to the office or give us a call to find out how we can help you and your group.

We all look forward to working with you over the next twelve months.

## Coming up around the South Hams

### Effective Monitoring and Evaluation

Tuesday 7 February 10 -12.30  
South Hams CVS office Totnes

### South Hams Voluntary Sector & Voice Forum

Friday 10 February 10 -12.30 with a working lunch following up on Devon Consortium's Voluntary & Community Sector baseline survey until 1.30  
PLEASE STAY, your views will be needed!

### South Hams Connect

Tuesday 14 February 2012 10 - 12  
Rattery Village Hall  
South Hams CVS will be attending this event

### Equalities Training from Theatre Learning

Tuesday 6 March 10.30 - 1.30  
Dartmoor Lodge Hotel Ashburton  
Followed by a light lunch until 2pm  
Cost £10 including lunch

**Contact South Hams CVS for further details on the above events.**

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Supporting voluntary and community action in the South Hams

**Business in the Community stands for responsible business**

BITC is one of the Prince’s Charities. We are a UK-wide, business-led charity with a growing membership of over 850 companies and a further 10,700 engaged in our campaigns. Through our members we have an employee reach of 16.8 million. Together we are one of the largest and most influential leadership networks focused on driving responsible business practice. We work locally and nationally through 11 regional teams and internationally with 115 global partners.

BITC also works directly with 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations and shape partnerships aimed at working together to transform communities and tackle key social issues where business can make a real difference, especially in deprived areas. Our main themes are: environmental sustainability; marketplace behaviour; workplace and employees; education and young people; employment; and, enterprise and renewal.

If you would like to know how your organisation could get involved with our programmes then please contact Jason Sculthorpe, Community Impact Manager Devon and Cornwall Office Plymouth TEL: 07917127290

**South Hams District Council & West Devon Council Connect Partnership**

The Connect Partnership brings together key stakeholders from the community and voluntary sectors and public sector organisations to work together to address issues of shared concern and improve options for local people. South Hams CVS sits on the partnership board which works together strategically to deliver the Connect Strategy and the four Priority Delivery Plans.

**What does the Connect Partnership do?**

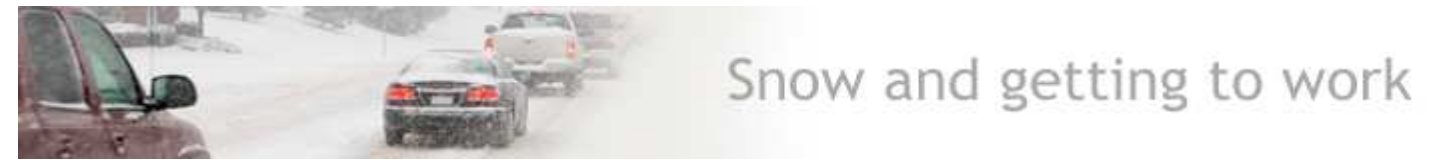
The Connect Strategy for South Hams and West Devon sets the direction for the Connect Partnership and highlights the four priorities for action which were set based on evidence of local need and have been adopted by South Hams and West Devon Councils.

These are:

- Community Life
- Economy
- Environment
- Homes

Each of these priorities has a Delivery Plan which sets out the actions to be taken by the local authority and partner organisations to address challenges within the priority area.

The Delivery Teams for each priority are made up of key partners and stakeholders who work together to develop the Delivery Plans and to ensure that there is effective community engagement in the development process. If your organisation would like to be kept informed about the work of any of the delivery teams, please contact South Hams CVS. To view the Connect Strategy and /or Delivery Plans look on SHDC website or contact us.



**Transport and adverse weather**

It’s that time of year again! Hopefully the weather for 2012 may not be as bad as the last 2 years but the key is to plan ahead. You may have experienced snow and difficult conditions for staff last year and so now would be a good time to review your policy and think about how you handle future scenarios. It would be best to put an "adverse weather" or 'journey into work' policy into place that deals with the steps employees are required to take to try to get into work on time and how the organisations will continue if they cannot. Having such a policy should mean that there is much less scope for confusion and disagreement. Further information is on the acas website, [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk), or contact CVS for advice

**Devon Community Directory**

At the South Hams Voluntary Sector forum in November we had a live demonstration of the new Devon Community Directory. You can use it to promote your local services online by going to the website [www.directory.devon.gov.uk](http://www.directory.devon.gov.uk) and clicking on ‘add entry’. Maintaining and keeping your entry up to date is up to you.

There was a lot of discussion at the forum about the fact that Devon County Council do not conduct background checks (e.g. Criminal Records Bureau) against the providers listed. Users are advised to undertake their own checks / verifications prior to engaging the services of any providers listed. This may be something you would like to draw your members/clients attention to, if you are helping them look for services

**South Brent The Old School Community Centre starts South Brent Caring**



For the last two years medical teams in the Ivybridge area have pointed to the need of a voluntary people who are vulnerable or isolated to stay in their homes. With the help of South Hams CVS the Old School Community Centre has stepped up to fill this need.

After a well attended public meeting in July, a vibrant committee was formed, a plan was made, and with the help of CVS, funding applications were sent off. At an open day on 23 November, 19 people signed up to say that they wished to volunteer for the new project (see photo). These will be trained in January and South Brent Caring will take on its first clients in March.

South Brent Caring will combine with the Lunch Club, already hosted by the Old School Centre to provide a hub supporting people in the parishes of South Brent, Diptford and North Huish with befriending, carer support, form filling, gardening and patient transport. It will join Totnes Caring and the web of 5 other Caring organisations throughout the South Hams that are already cooperating with health professionals to provide vital support in the district



## Voluntary Voice Sector elections

The Voluntary Voice project, on behalf of the Devon Consortium, ran representative elections in October 2011 for both standing partnerships and partnerships. See table below or the Devon Consortium website [www.devonconsortium.net](http://www.devonconsortium.net)

**Many thanks to all of you who took the time to get involved and vote in the elections.**

The aim of representation is to ensure a wide range of views, improved access to information and influence for the sector. Representatives are not intended to be the sole representative of the sector in any discussion with statutory partners nor, when attending a meeting in a representative capacity should/will they speak on behalf of their own organisation. They are funded and supported to gather the views of the sector prior to meetings, take information gathered to the meeting and to feed back to the sector afterwards. Representatives are expected to use existing networks and structures (the Devon Association of CVS and Devon Consortium) but you can also contact the representatives direct.

A new election will be held when opportunities arise to have formal VCS representation on a statutory partnership. We are always keen to hear from new volunteers who are interested in representation. Please contact [info@devonconsortium.net](mailto:info@devonconsortium.net) or visit the Voluntary Voice pages of the Devon Consortium website to find out more [www.devonconsortium.net](http://www.devonconsortium.net)

### Voluntary Voice – Countywide Representatives

<p><b>John Bunting (DACVS)</b>  <a href="mailto:john.bunting@exetercvcs.org.uk">john.bunting@exetercvcs.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b><u>Devon Strategic Partnership Board:</u></b></p> <p>A Local Strategic Partnership covering issues across Devon. The purpose is to improve the quality of life of Devon residents by ensuring the work of all agencies and groups has the needs of local people at its core.</p>
<p><b>Penny Mason (DACVS) -</b>  <a href="mailto:pennym@torridgecvcs.org.uk">pennym@torridgecvcs.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b><u>VCS Strategic Commissioning Group:</u></b></p> <p>Currently including representatives from Devon County Council, the Devon Consortium and the DACVS. The group hopes to widen its membership to include NHS representatives in order to discuss a wide range of commissioning issues including exploring areas where services should be commissioned from the VCS and the how the statutory approach to commissioning from the VCS should move forward in the future. The group meets on an ad hoc basis up to six times per year.</p>
<p><b>Diana Crump (Living Options Devon) -</b>  <a href="mailto:diana.crump@livingoptions.org">diana.crump@livingoptions.org</a></p>	<p><b><u>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Development Group:</u></b></p> <p>This group looks at developing a JSNA to assess current and future local needs which are then translated into strategic planning and commissioning decisions. This group meets on a bi-monthly basis or as required</p>

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<p>Jill Davies (DACVS) - <a href="mailto:jill@southhamscvs.org.uk">jill@southhamscvs.org.uk</a></p>	<p><u>Social Capital Task and Finish Group</u></p> <p><u>This group comprised of DCC, NHS and VCS partners is currently exploring definitions of social capital and ways in which developing social capital can be embedded in policies and processes. This group meets on an ad hoc basis.</u></p>
<p>Mary Nisbett (Westbank) - <a href="mailto:m.nisbett@westbankfriends.org">m.nisbett@westbankfriends.org</a></p>	<p><u>The County Strategic Provider Group:</u></p> <p><u>The group meets 4 times a year to discuss a range of strategic issues around commissioning, procurement, quality and regulation and workforce development.</u></p>
<p>Diana Crump (Living Options Devon) - <a href="mailto:diana.crump@livingoptions.org">diana.crump@livingoptions.org</a></p>	<p><u>Strategic Commissioning : Quality and Regulation:</u></p> <p><u>The group works to undertake market analysis, discusses continuity of service, market shaping etc. It covers safeguarding, CQC requirements, incentives for quality improvements.</u></p>
<p>Debbie Avery (Westbank) - <a href="mailto:d.avery@westbankfriends.org">d.avery@westbankfriends.org</a></p>	<p><u>Purchasing and Procurement:</u></p> <p><u>This group will cover contract development, framework agreements, personalisation and personal budgets etc.</u></p>
<p>Nora Corkery (Devon Welfare Rights Unit - Citizens Advice ) - <a href="mailto:nora.corkery@citizensadvice.org.uk">nora.corkery@citizensadvice.org.uk</a></p>	<p><u>Communication and Improvement:</u></p> <p><u>This group will consider how DCC communicates with providers and the public on social care issues e.g. the community directory and to consider how communication can be made more effective, where there are opportunities for information sharing and efficiency savings.</u></p>
<p>Sophie Ross (Devon Pre-school Learning Alliance) – <a href="mailto:sophie.ross@pre-school.org.uk">sophie.ross@pre-school.org.uk</a></p>	<p><u>Workforce Development:</u></p> <p><u>This group considers issues around social care provision in Devon including workforce development, workforce planning, skills and training.</u></p>
<p>Nora Corkery (Devon Welfare Rights Unit - Citizens Advice ) - <a href="mailto:nora.corkery@citizensadvice.org.uk">nora.corkery@citizensadvice.org.uk</a></p>	<p><u>Devon Care Training Steering Group :</u></p> <p><u>This group will consider the training and development needs of VCS care providers.</u></p>

# Volunteer extra

January—March 2012

All the latest Volunteering news and information

## Student Volunteering Week 2012

20-26 February 2012 will be the eleventh year of Student Volunteering Week, so please put the date in your diary.



This national all-sector-engaging campaign raises awareness of student volunteering and the infrastructure that supports it. More details will be available online in the coming months.

## Car Insurance for volunteers.

Volunteering England has worked with the Association of British Insurers to ensure that volunteers aren't disadvantaged when driving to or from and while volunteering.

The Association of British Insurers (ABI) has more information on their website, including a list of companies committed to 'insuring their policyholders to carry out voluntary driving, that is, the use of a vehicle they own in connection with, or for the benefit of, charities, voluntary organisations, clubs or societies, under the conditions set out below, where payment does not exceed the HMRC mileage rates in force at that time. This does not cover use for hire or reward or vehicles owned by, hired to or lent to the voluntary organisation.'

There may be exclusions for 'blue light' volunteers, such as First Responders. For more information go to: [www.abi.org.uk/Information/Consumers/General/Volunteer\\_Driving\\_.aspx](http://www.abi.org.uk/Information/Consumers/General/Volunteer_Driving_.aspx)

## Volunteer Centres Devon Website Update

The new Volunteer Centres Devon website is being developed further and is now ready for groups and individuals to register. Groups can produce their own online profile and submit articles. Individuals will get electronic newsletters with the latest news items in their preferred areas, e.g. Supporting People or Sport and Leisure.

Articles are syndicated to facebook and twitter, so the potential to reach large numbers of potential volunteers, with your news, in a short space of time, is invaluable.

For more information please contact your local



Volunteer Centre (see over for contact details).

## 10.6 Million people volunteer!

The UK Voluntary Sector Workforce Almanac estimates that 10.6 million people volunteer formally in England at least once a month. Despite no reported increase in formal volunteering since 2005, Debbie Hill, Volunteering Development Manager at CLIC Sargent sees a bright future. (continued over..)

## 10.6 Million people volunteer! (cont)

"How we use volunteering to change our world is evolving and there is no doubt that these results reflect that. As the need to build capacity in the voluntary and public sectors with volunteers grows, so the inclination of people to volunteer appears to decline. How we overcome this will, I believe, define the shape of the next stage of the voluntary sector.

Creative volunteering that maximises informal opportunities and engages all ages in making a difference may be the way to see figures grow once again simply by gaining the commitment of our future generations.

By supporting volunteers to expand their knowledge of and passion for the voluntary sector, and engaging the community to support its future we will, arguably, be able to do more for less; add this to the engagement of our next generation and when the recession turns the voluntary sector should be in an incredibly powerful position.

The future is without doubt very bright for volunteering and the voluntary sector if its workers and, more importantly, existing volunteers keep hold of their powerful 'can do' attitudes. I, for one, grasp the challenge whole-heartedly."

The UK Voluntary Sector Workforce Almanac 2011 was produced by NCVO, Skills Third Sector and Third Sector Research Centre. Download it from the NCVO website at [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk)



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Covers: Totnes, Ivybridge, Kingsbridge and Dartmouth.

*Opening hours vary, please check times before making a special trip.*

*Several Centres also offer services in towns other than their main office.*

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